

## Federal Maritime Commission

## § 531.12

of all NSA essential terms publications.

(g) Updating statements of essential terms. To ensure that the information contained in a published statement of essential terms is current and accurate, the statement of essential terms publication shall include a prominent notice indicating the date of its most recent publication or revision. When the published statement of essential terms is affected by filed amendments, corrections, or cancellations, the current terms shall be changed and published as soon as possible in the relevant statement of essential terms.

### Subpart D—Exceptions and Implementation

#### § 531.10 Excepted and exempted commodities.

(a) *Statutory exceptions.* NSAs for the movement of the following, as defined in section 3 of the Act, the Commission's rules at 46 CFR 530.3 or 46 CFR 520.1, are not subject to the conditions of this exemption:

- (1) Bulk cargo;
- (2) Forest products;
- (3) Recycled metal scrap;
- (4) New assembled motor vehicles; and
- (5) Waste paper or paper waste.

(b) *Commission exemptions.* The following commodities and/or services are not subject to the conditions of this exemption:

(1) *Mail in foreign commerce.* Transportation of mail between the United States and foreign countries.

(2) *Department of Defense cargo.* Transportation of U.S. Department of Defense cargo moving in foreign commerce under terms and conditions approved by the Military Transportation Management Command and published in a universal service contract. An exact copy of the universal service contract, including any amendments thereto, shall be filed with the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

(c) *Inclusion of excepted or exempted matter.*

(1) The Commission will not accept for filing NSAs which exclusively concern the commodities or services listed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

(2) NSAs filed with the Commission may include the commodities or services listed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section only if:

(i) There is a tariff of general applicability for the transportation, which contains a specific commodity rate for the commodity or service in question; or

(ii) The NSA itself sets forth a rate or charge which will be applied if the NSA is canceled, as defined in § 531.3(e) and § 531.8(d).

(d) *Waiver.* Upon filing an NSA pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, the NSA shall be subject to the same requirements as those for NSAs generally.

#### § 531.11 Implementation.

*Generally.* Performance under an NSA or amendment thereto may not begin before the day it is effective and filed with the Commission.

### Subpart E—Recordkeeping and Audit

#### § 531.12 Recordkeeping and audit.

(a) *Records retention for five years.* Every NVOCC shall maintain original signed NSAs, amendments, and their associated records in an organized, readily accessible or retrievable manner for a period of five (5) years from the termination of each NSA. These records must be kept in a form that is readily available and usable to the Commission; electronically maintained records shall be no less accessible than if they were maintained in paper form.

(b) *Production for audit within 30 days of request.* Every NVOCC shall, upon written request of the FMC's Director, Bureau of Enforcement, any Area Representative or the Director, Bureau of Trade Analysis, submit copies of requested original NSAs or their associated records within thirty (30) days of the date of the request.